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1. In accordance with the plans of the SED Polit-Bureau for the motorization of the People's Police, 700 of the new type of mass-produced Horch-Zwickau "H. 3.A" 4-ton Diesel engine trucks are now in production. They are fitted with the E.M. 4 Diesel engine, which is named by the makers the "Baukastenmotor", because any number of cylinders can be fitted into one set. Each cylinder of the motor unit develops 18 HP at 1800 r.p.m. The E.M. 4 engine can also be adapted as a stationary power unit.
2. The new vehicle has three axles, is fitted with rear twin tires, and develops a maximum speed of 70 kms. per hour when fully loaded, without danger of swerving. It has passed the endurance test of 10,000 kms. over very difficult country with grades to 15 degrees.
3. By 1 September 1950, 300 of these vehicles will be in operation.
4. The "Wanderer" Works in Chemnitz, in collaboration with the Horch Works in Zwickau, have been commissioned to produce 300 vehicles of this type by 15 October 1950. These factories are now working in three shifts, and additional skilled labor has been engaged in order to fulfil the plan.
5. The rapid completion of this project has been given high priority by the Soviet authorities in order that the majority of the specialized police units be equipped with these vehicles by 15 October 1950.

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